[President.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The matter will be investigated.

Appointment of a qualified Lady Doctor for the Nagercoil District Hospital.

247. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL: Are the Government aware of the necessity of a qualified lady doctor for the Nagercoil District Hospital and, if so, will the Government be pleased to appoint one at the earliest opportunity?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: The answer is in the affirmative. The question of posting a Lady Medical Officer will be considered after the three stipendiary medical students now undergoing training at the Vellore Medical School for Girls return qualified.

Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Devicolam Division.

248. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they find it necessary to retain the office of the Assistant Commissioner and First Class Magistrate, Peermade, even after the recent reconstitution effected in the Devicolam Division?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Though Peermade forms part of the Devicolam Division, it is so far away from the head-quarters and the means of communication between it and the head-quarters are so meagre, that it is in the interests of the public that a First Class Magistrate should remain there with the powers of a Division Assistant to attend to the various items of revenue, magisterial and income-tax work of that portion of the Division.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Sir, I submit a point of order. May I know under what provision Mr. Paramesvara Aiyar refuses to supply the information called for by Mr. Hoogewerf in his question * regarding the touring work of certain officers on the ground that it is considered that the amount of time and labour involved is out of all proportion to its utility?

PRESIDENT: I do not think that any point of order is involved in that. That is the opinion of the Government. The Secretaries to Government are answering questions, on behalf of the Government.

*Not included here as the member was absent at question time.

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